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SUBJ: AMB YOUNG'S VISIT TO CARIBBEAN: SURINAM

1. AMB YOUNG AND PARTY ARRIVED ON TIME AT ZANDERIJ
AIRPORT, SURINAM, AT 4:30 PM WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, BUT IN SUDDEN
HEAVY DOWNPOUR OF RAIN. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF SURINAM VAN
GENDEREN WAS CONDUCTED ABOARD PLANE FOR OFFICIAL WELCOME AND
MOTORCADE LEFT FOR PARAMARIBO WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. TYPICAL OF SURINAM WEATHER, THE SUN WAS SHINING IN PARAMARIBO
ON ARRIVAL AT THE PRESIDENT'S PALACE, WHERE AMB AND MRS. YOUNG
WERE GREETED AND SPENT A PLEASANT HOUR WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS.
JOHAN FERRIER, WHO WERE ACCOMPANIED BY PRIME MINISTER AND MRS.
HENCK ARRON. PRESIDENT HELD A PRIVATE TALK WITH AMB YOUNG, WHO
WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THIS BY AMB ZURHELLEN, DEP. ASST. SECY. SHELTON,
MR. LUIGI EINAUDI AND MR. JOHN KRIENDLER. THE PRESIDENT DESCRIBED
THE HISTORY OF SURINAM AND ITS COMING INTO INDEPENDENCE,
INCLUDING ITS MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY AND DEVOTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS,
AND STRESSED THAT IT DID NOT LOOK UPON ITSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE
CARIBBEAN BLOC BUT IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF CONTINENTAL AND
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HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS, WITH EMPHASIS ON ITS TIES WITH AND
FRIENDSHIP FOR THE UNITED STATES.

3. IN THE EVENING, PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. HENCK ARRON HOSTED
A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF AMB AND MRS YOUNG WHICH WAS NOTABLE FOR
THE BROAD REPRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS INTERESTS
PRESENT. IN ADDITION TO CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND

PRIME MINISTER, AMB YOUNG HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION JAGGERNATH LACHMON, DISSIDENT PARLIAMENTARIAN HINDORIS, GOVERNMENT MINISTERS BRUMA (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) HOOST (JUSTICE, POLICE AND DEFENSE) CAMBRIDGE (DEVELOPMENT), VENETIAAN (EDUCATION FRIJMERSUM (LABOR, CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENT WIJNTUIN AND OTHERS, AS WELL AS THE COMMANDER OF THE SURINAM ARMED FORCES COLONEL ELSTAK. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES CANNOT RECALL A PREVIOUS OCCASION IN WHICH THE TURNOUT WAS SO WIDELY REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL POINTS OF VIEW.

4. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT SURINAMERS HAD A DEEP INTEREST IN AMB YOUNG, HIS WORK ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND U.S. POLICY IN THAT AREA. FOR A FIRST DAY, AND A SHORT ONE AT THAT, THE VISIT IS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.
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